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ITHACANS SANG AND PLAYED

Cornell Glee, Mandolin and Banjo Clubs' Concert.

Society Turned Out in Full Force to Hear and Applaud the Collegians. Those Who Were Present.

The concert given by the Cornell Glee, Mandolin and Banjo Clubs at Metzerott Hall last night, was attended by an audience of enthusiastic friends of those jolly organizations. H. G. Grant, C. J. Rainsburg, and H. L. Gannett were the Washington boys who took part.

The first part included "Alma Mater" and Sousa's "Directorate," given by the Banjo Club; "Grandma," rendered by the Glee Club, with Mr. Clinton as soloist; "Zulu Dance," by the Mandolin Club; a "Serenade," with Mr. Rainsburg as soloist.

The second part included a variety of gay marches and waltzes, the first selection being "An Evening Song" to Cornell.

Applause unstinted followed each bit of vocal or instrumental melody, and frequent encores were given.

In the boxes, bannered with crimson flags bearing U. C. in big white letters, sat Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Lammont, Mrs. Alfred W. Gannett, Mrs. A. C. Barney and the Misses Barney, Mrs. Cabell, Mrs. and Miss Hay, Miss Hitchcock, Mrs. S. S. Howard, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Howard White, Miss Fuller, Mrs. Claggett, Miss Claggett and many other well known society people.

Peasants of white and red adorned the gallery, which was also well filled.

DETECTIVE PROCTOR BETTER.

Arrest of a Man Supposed to Know of the Assault.

At a late hour last night it was reported to police headquarters that Detective Proctor was improving and that now no fears are entertained for his ultimate recovery.

Last night Detective Helms arrested John Lewis, twenty-two years old, on suspicion of knowing more about the assault on Proctor than an innocent man should. Although it is not believed that Lewis took part in the assault it is suspected that he was present, and knows who did the work. He was locked up at police station No. 1, but up to an early hour this morning he had refused to talk.

Stole All the Preacher's Clothes. Mrs. Webb, colored, who runs a lodging house on Fourteenth street southwest, reported at police headquarters last night that one of her lodgers, Rev. Felix Wray, a colored preacher, had been robbed of all his clothes, and that for this reason he was unable to make a report of it himself.

ANOTHER TRACTION DEAL

Columbia and Metropolitan Lines
May Effect a Comb. ne.

APPEALED TO CONGRESS

Bill Presented in the House Giving the Columbia Road Additional Routes and Granting Permission for the Consolidation—May Increase Capital Stock and Issue Bonds.

There are unmistakable surface indications to the effect that preparations are being made for the consolidation of the Columbia and Metropolitan street railways, the reorganized company to be known as the Metropolitan Electric Traction Company.

This proposed street railway deal is equal in importance to the transverse arrangement by which the Chevy Chase line swallowed the Washington and Georgetown.

The managements of the Columbia and Metropolitan have heretofore apparently been on the most friendly terms, as a liberal transfer system has been in force and no unpleasant clashes have developed, although the former line is twice crossed by the latter.

During the last session of Congress both roads sought to obtain extension privileges which would enable one or the other to build a belt line to the river. Owing to the difficulty in deciding which road was entitled to the privilege neither obtained it.

REACHED AN AGREEMENT.

During the interim between the sessions of Congress it is self-evident that the officials of the two roads succeeded in reaching an agreement by which they would be consolidated and jointly construct the desired extension.

Plans of upon which basis this arrangement was effected has not been made public, but the fact that all the details of a consolidation were perfected, even to the selection of a name for the reorganized company, is shown beyond peradventure in a bill yesterday introduced in the House by Mr. Harmer, of Pennsylvania. This bill authorizes the Columbia Railway Company to extend its lines as follows:

Running with double tracks from the present terminus at the corner of Fifteenth street and New York street to the intersection of Fifteenth street west, thence along that street west to H street north, to Seventeenth street west, along Seventeenth street west to P street north, thence with a single track, along F street north to New Hampshire avenue, thence, with a single or double track, along New Hampshire avenue to the Potomac River, and with a single track from the intersection of New Hampshire avenue and F street north along New Hampshire avenue to G street north and along G street north to Seventeenth street west; thence to connect with the double track from H street north, with the right at any time to extend its said line with a single or double track from the intersection of F or G streets north and Seventeenth street west to Twenty-third street west to the Potomac River, with authority to cross over and under the line so constructed with an underground electric power or such other mechanical power as the Commissioners of the District may approve.

NO H STREET TRACKS.

The stipulation is made that no new track shall be laid on H street north, between Fifteenth street west and Seventeenth street west, but permission is given to use the tracks of the Metropolitan Railroad Company between those streets upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between them.

The Columbia Company is given authority to acquire necessary ground and buildings, to increase its capital stock and issue bonds to an amount sufficient to cover the cost of construction.

The extension must be completed within eighteen months from the approval of the act or suffer nullification of the privilege.

The Columbia and Metropolitan Companies are given authority to consolidate the two companies upon such terms as shall be mutually determined upon by the respective stockholders and may lease or sell their real or personal property one to the other.

PROVIDES FOR CONSOLIDATION.

In the event of such consolidation the capital stock shall not exceed the aggregate of the capital stock of the two companies, and the reorganized company is authorized to issue its bonds for making and equipping all lawful extensions subject to the approval of the District supreme court.

The two companies shall charge but one fare for each passenger carried over the united lines or any part thereof.

In the event of consolidation the consolidated company shall be known as the Metropolitan Electric Traction Company.

The introduction of this bill is the first intimation that has been given to the effect that a plan of consolidation had already been perfected and only awaited the sanction of Congress to become operative.

BORN IN A POLICE STATION.

Almetra Brown's Baby Had Officers for Nurses.

"Born under police protection," is what the hair of Almetra Brown, a colored girl, will say when he is old enough to talk.

Police stations are theaters in which the drama of life goes on, with ever shifting scenes of tragedy and comedy, and each other quickly, and often are accompanied by side, with the deaf argument as the audience.

Death is a more common feature of station life than birth, but early this morning a little eight pound colored boy was ushered into this tough and smoky world at station No. 8. Mother and child are now in Freedman's Hospital.

Almetra and her parents entered the station for the purpose of asking treatment at the nearest hospital.

Deaf Sergeant Cook was about to call out the ambulance when his services as nurse were needed. Heand Policeman Brewster entered into the immediate needs of the young woman, and wrapping up the babe sent the pair to Freedman's Hospital where Almetra is residing.

LOOKING INTO THE PAST.

Eleventh Annual Session of the American Historical Association.

Public interest is being notably manifested in the proceedings of the eleventh anniversary meeting of the American Historical Association, which is now in session in this city. The opening meeting was at Columbia University last evening, when the attendance was large, notwithstanding the very unpropitious nature of the weather.

The society was organized at Saratoga in 1884 since which time it has amassed many times of the most useful and valuable information bearing on the history of this country and especially as to its earlier records.

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CAME TO SEE CLEVELAND

Edward Meyer Had Important Business With the President.

BUT THE WAY WAS BARRED

He Is Now Under Arrest Charged by Sergt. Myers With Disorderly Conduct and Assault—Has Been Confined in Penitentiary and Inmate Asylum, But Talks Nationally.

Edward Meyer, a nice appearing man, thirty-three years of age, is locked up at the Third precinct station charged with disorderly conduct and assaulting Sergt. Chas. C. Myers of the White House police. Another name has been added to the long list of "White House cranks."

About 8 o'clock last evening Meyer walked up to the door of the White House and asked to see President Cleveland. He said that he had private business with the President of the utmost importance and if Mr. Cleveland was engaged for the time being he would await his pleasure.

The man was roughly ordered and had the appearance of a laborer, and although he did not look dangerous he was told that the President could not be seen and that he must leave the grounds.

RESISTED HIS EXPULSION.

What happened immediately after this is not exactly known, but according to the man's story he started down the steps and as he reached the bottom he tried and said: "You must have ordered me away like a man not like a dog."

Sergt. Myers could not be seen last night, and his side of the story is not known, but he evidently the man increased time, for he started after the man. When Meyer saw the officer coming he ran toward the gate, but the bluecoat was too fast for him and caught him before he had reached the distance. He resisted the officer and was landed in No. 3, only after a struggle.

MEYER'S QUEER STORY.

Meyer told a peculiar story of his wanderings and adventures since he has been in inmate of a penitentiary or an inmate asylum. He says he is a railroad man and a stationary engineer by profession. He has traveled all over the West and Southwest, and last winter brought up in Philadelphia. Here he broke into a house, which, he says, he was compelled to do because he was starving, and was caught and sentenced to eighteen months in Moyamensing prison.

When he had served about half his sentence he was approached by several members of the Prison Society, who told him that if he would feign illness they would have him transferred to either the Episcopal Hospital or the County Hospital. He obeyed instantly and one day was taken from the prison and carried to the Norristown Inmate Asylum and placed in a ward. He managed to escape, and went to the chief of detectives in Philadelphia and asked that his case be investigated. This was promised, but he was returned to the asylum and placed in the violent ward.

His outer clothing was taken from him and manacles were placed upon his hands and feet. Last Saturday night he managed to escape, and a second time, wrapping a blanket around him, made his way to the railroad freight yards, where the train hands gave him a few clothes.

HIS BUSINESS WITH THE PRESIDENT.

From there came there to see the President. He says he has good reasons to believe that he was granted a parison on last Thanksgiving Day, and that he was being illegally detained at the asylum, and he called on the President to ascertain if this was so.

Meyer talks clearly and connectedly, uses good language, and seems to be a bright, intelligent, conversant man. He insisted Dr. Aldridge, the physician of the Baltimore and Ohio road in Baltimore, examined him and pronounced him sane. He has served in both the army and navy, and passed the physical and mental examination to both branches of the service.

Meyer says he would like to be examined by the police surgeons here as to his sanity, and feels confident that their verdict would be the same as that of Dr. Aldridge. He will be tried in the police court today for assaulting Sergeant Myers.

Arrested as a Suspicious Character. John Newton, colored, was taken into custody last night and placed behind the bars at No. 8 station, charged with being a suspicious character. The arrest was made by Policeman Tapscott, to whom Newton's conduct was reported. Newton was caught going from house to house ringing the doorbells and representing himself as an officer. He entered William Addison's home, near Seventh and Trumble streets northwest, in the "Camp," and would have made away with numerous articles had he not been detected. Newton is the negro who assaulted Daniel Williams in the police court several years ago.

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CONDEMNED IN THE DARK

Foreman Walsh of Engine 9 Dismissed by Trial Board.

STAR CHAMBER METHODS

Mr. Walsh Plays the Good Samaritan and Is Charged With Neglect of Duty and Disobedience of Orders. Accusation Brought by Assistant Foreman Giles—List of Evidence.

Mr. John A. Walsh, who has held the position for fifteen years of foreman of No. 9 fire company, has been dismissed from that place by order of the trial board.

This result has been brought about by a most extraordinary proceeding, contrary to all the rules in ordinary processes and laws, and has aroused the intense indignation of the members of the company, which Mr. Walsh has directed for so long a period.

The proceedings of the board were, of course, secret, and nothing was given out but the mere statement that the foreman had been dismissed for neglect of duty and disobedience of orders.

Mr. Walsh was before the public on two or three occasions this year, on each of which he was charged with sundry offenses by Privates Wentle, Martin and Mahany. It was agreed to the satisfaction of the board that these men had entered into a conspiracy against Mr. Walsh, and they were promptly dismissed. A re-hearing was had, and the previous judgment was confirmed.

Again three other citizens took up the case against Mr. Walsh, a compromise was suggested, but no agreement was reached, and so far as the public was informed, the matter rested there. It was the understanding from the previous vindictiveness of Mr. Walsh that all charges of a similar character could not be sustained.

NO 9 MEN INDIGNANT.

The foreman was, however, again pursued by an inquiry which was instituted by the assistant foreman, Giles, and it was on the hearing in this case that the order of dismissal was made. As it was impossible to get anything out of the board, the information available was obtained elsewhere.

The witnesses before the board are averse to talking on the subject, but there is an understanding of some of the things which predict that a more outrageous act has never been perpetrated by the board than that in the case of Mr. Walsh.

It is almost certain that the case was instituted by Assistant Foreman Giles, because one of the papers in the case is as follows:

The Chief of the Fire Department hereby charge Foreman John A. Walsh of No. 9 engine company, with disobedience of orders and neglect of duty.

"Sergeant. That after being put out duty by Dr. Cannon, he was seen in conversation with a very drunken man by the name of Ed. Howe, within a square of Congress street, and five minutes after he left No. 9 engine house."

This charge is signed by Mr. Giles. It will be noted in the first place that Mr. Walsh was found at the time not charged in the specifications, for he was "off duty" when he was seen talking to the very drunken man, and the specification does not allege even that he disobeyed any orders, or that he neglected any duty.

Those who testified for the prosecution were Assistant Foreman Giles, Dr. Cannon and Private Mahany. The prosecution traveled outside of the indictment because there was some testimony, the evident intention of which was to show that Mr. Walsh was drunk, because he was seen talking to a very drunken man.

SUBSTANCE OF THE EVIDENCE.

The substance of all the evidence is as follows: On the night of the 23d of December, 1895, at about 10 o'clock, Mr. Walsh was found at the engine house in order to make ready for some visitors at his home. He was left there at about 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

On entering the engine house he met the watchman, Peter, to whom he complained about his rheumatism, having the same complaint on several previous occasions. Walsh stated that he did not get on the truck. The doctor not arriving Mr. Walsh was helped on a horse and went to look for the doctor, who found him at the engine house at about 1 o'clock and gave him a card or certificate to go off duty.

Mr. Walsh then started home having first called on his mother, Mrs. McElmott and Lincoln. On the way home he saw the man Howe referred to, lying by the side of the pavement near F and New Hampshire streets, and he stopped to help him. Mr. Walsh's nearest neighbor, as he lives at Eighteenth and L streets northwest, Mr. Walsh endeavored to help this man Howe on his feet, but he was unable to do so, and was so engaged that Mr. Giles saw him out of the window of the station house. Mr. Giles called Private Inigo to take note of the fact.

Mr. Walsh went as far as he could with Howe, and then went home. This is the basis of the charge by Giles according to the indictment.

COMPANIONS STAND BY HIM.

It is said that every man at the engine house was on the stand and swore that Mr. Walsh was not drunk or even drinking when he came in on Wednesday morning. He proved that he did not enter a saloon and that instead of forty-five minutes it was scarcely twenty-five minutes from the time he left the station-house till he was seen by Mr. Giles on the street.

Mr. Inigo for the prosecution only knew that Mr. Walsh was seen talking to the drunken man, Dr. Cannon did not swear that Walsh was drunk, neither was he drinking. It is said that Mr. Giles had stated to Dr. Cannon that Mr. Walsh had been drinking and that on this basis Dr. Cannon stated that Mr. Walsh was drunk.

It is also stated that Mr. Giles withdrew the statement that Walsh had been drinking. It is absolutely certain, however, that all of the men who saw Mr. Walsh from the time he arrived on Wednesday morning until he left testified that there was no truth in the suspicion even that Mr. Walsh was drunk or had been drinking. Dr. Cannon, it was learned, did not make a statement that Walsh was drunk or drinking, but merely said that it might have been as he had not noticed it.

The men are at a loss to know what was the motive of the charge against the foreman and they were very certain that they could not be sustained.

The fact was generally known well no doubt that a great deal of comment on the dismissal of Mr. Walsh was made, and the failure to establish charges heretofore against him, and the evidence on which he was dismissed.

HIS STORY A FAKE.

Police Place No Credence in Kearney's Story.

The man who gave his name as William Kearney and claimed that he had been knocked down and robbed on D street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, as stated in The Times of yesterday, was discharged from Emergency Hospital yesterday.

No stock is placed in the story by the police. They have investigated the case and learned that the man had a fight in a house and was ejected. The police do not believe that he was robbed.

Wanted Chicken for Christmas.

James Pannell stole three chickens, valued at \$1.50, from Albert G. Walls Christmas night, at Queen's Chapel and Bricklayers' road, and was charged with the failure to establish charges heretofore against him, and the evidence on which he was dismissed.

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ARE OPPOSED TO WASTE

Anti-Bond Bill Men Meet and Make Plans.

FORTY REPUBLICANS THERE

There was a General Sentiment of Opposition to the Retirement of Greenbacks and the Proposed Bond Issue Was Severely Denounced—Not a Free Silver Gathering.

The conference of the Republican Representatives who disapprove of the bond bill, prepared by the Ways and Means Committee, and with standing the opposing shower which fell previous to the hour of meeting and which doubtless accounted for the absence of a score of other members who had signed the call.

While the majority of those present were Western men, there was also a fair sprinkling of Eastern Republicans. The conference was held in the rear of the Elliott House. It was not a conference of silver Republicans.

Many gentlemen representing free silver views were in attendance, but the question of silver was not brought to the attention of the meeting, which included also a number of sound money Republicans.

The forty Republicans present presented twenty-five resolutions. They elected Mr. Brewster, of Kansas, chairman, and Mr. Colton, of Kentucky, secretary. The purpose of the conference was to determine a plan of action with regard to the rule which will be reported from the Committee on Rules today, fixing the time and manner in which the bond bill shall pass the House.

OPPOSE HASTY ACTION.

It has been announced by the Committee on Ways and Means that this measure would be passed today before the hour of adjournment, presumably with no longer debate than was given to the tariff bill yesterday. This hasty action was manifestly unpopular with the conference. The speeches made by the members showed a unanimous sentiment in opposition to the retirement of the greenbacks.

They indicated a belief that the bill in question permits this, and that the amendment, which Mr. Hopkins of Illinois will try to secure in the Ways and Means Committee today before the House meets, will not successfully prevent it.

The speeches further showed that it was not advisable for the United States to become a debtor to Europe, and that under no circumstances should the greenbacks be retired, at least in the manner proposed. After long debate it was decided that the Committee on Finance should be requested to bring in a resolution providing a reasonable time for the discussion of the bond bill and for the offering of amendments.

THEY WANT DEBATE.

It was thought that two days was the shortest time in which this could be done, while three days would be still more acceptable. It is argued in support of this proposition that necessary delay required a limitation of debate, inasmuch as the tariff bill, through which it is proposed to raise sufficient additional funds to meet the deficit in the Treasury, was passed this afternoon.

The committee which was appointed to confer with the Committee on Finance consisted of seven members, of whom Mr. Brewster of Kansas is chairman. His associates are Mr. Baker of New Hampshire, Mr. Burton of California, Mr. Pickett of South Dakota, Mr. Matthews of Michigan, Mr. Burton of Missouri and Mr. Cannon of Utah.

No resolutions of any character were adopted by the conference which had been called simply to secure an expression of views concerning the bond bill, and whose action, it was felt, ought not to be binding on any of its members.

WILL PAY A DIVIDEND.

District Assembly Receives a Report on the "Bus Line."

District Assembly, No. 94, Knights of Labor, held a largely attended meeting last evening at 11 o'clock, when Master Workman Simmons was in the chair.

The contract committee reported that a "scab" plasterer, who had come to this city lately, was soliciting work as a non-union man.

It was reported that he had been taken in charge by the local representatives of the Salvation Army, who were feeding him their usual supper and influence to the detriment of organized labor.

The report of Mr. J. B. Fenton, manager of the Anacostia "bus line," for the week ending December 25, was read and discussed. The "buses" are patronized by their full seating capacity every trip. The management has been requested by the citizens of Anacostia to change the Washington terminals from Center Market to Eleventh and B streets.

The change will be made as soon as the number of "buses" is increased, and will be within the next week or ten days. From a financial standpoint the "bus line" is a decided success and if the patronage continues, and there is no reason to doubt that it will, it will very shortly be paying good dividends.

The annual election of officers for the ensuing year will be held on next Thursday night. The old board will be re-elected, there being no opposition to the present incumbents.

The representative of the Workingmen's Literary and Bureau of Labor called attention to and asked for a full attendance at the meeting of the bureau, which will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock at 600 Thirteenth street northwest.

Carpenters' Council met last evening at No. 627 Massachusetts avenue northwest, and in addition to other routine matters the Soldiers' Home case was also discussed at some length.

The semi-annual election of officers of the Eklington and Soldiers' Home Benevolent Association was held last evening at Costello's Hall.

The following officers were chosen to serve for the next six months: President, E. L. Weaver; first vice-president, H. W. Lynn; second vice-president, G. E. Burdette; financial secretary, R. M. Leonard; recording secretary, H. B. Dwyer; treasurer, J. T. Edwards; chaplain, B. B. Smith; inside guard, William T. Tyan; outside guard, E. Spittles.

Arrested for Begging.

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